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The Ashbel

The Society Meets to Elect Officers for the Two Remaining Terms and Arrange Programs for the Rest of the Session.

At the last meeting of the Ashbel, the young ladies elected their officers for the winter and spring terms; they are as follows:

WINTER TERM.

Mary Lambdin, President.
Emily Maverick, Vice President.
May Jarvis, Treasurer.
Annie Stratton, Secretary.
Helen Seeligmann, Dora Thornton, wardens.

SPRING TERM.

Helen Knox, President.
Helen Garrison, Vice President.
Miss Abernathy, Treasurer.
Grace Prather, Secretary.
Mary Lambdin, Emily Maverick, wardens.

After the election of officers, the matter of programs came up for discussion, and the following line of work was decided upon for the rest of the session:

I.

1. How Modern Dramas Should be Studied—Helen Knox.
2. Rise of Modern Drama—Dora Thornton.
3. Ibsen and the Modern Drama—Lena Greer.
4. Ibsen's Idea of Woman vs. Shakespeare's. Lily C.

II.

1. Doll's House—Plot—Carrie P.
2. Reading—Floy Perfect.
3. Discussion of Ghosts—Sallie Belle.
4. Reading—Eunice Aden.

III.

1. Life and Work of Rostand—M. W. Stedman.
2. Character Reading of Cyrano.
3. Criticism of L'Aiglon—Miss Eno.

IV.

1. Bernard Shaw in the Public Eye—Miss Abernathy.
2. Reading from "You Can Never Tell"—Mary Heart.
3. Candida as a Companion—Mary Lambdin.
4. Tendency of Drama Toward the Intellectual—Helen Seeligmann.

V.

1. The Round Table Discussion—
 - a. Hampton—Marguerite Runge.
 - b. Ludermann—Grace Hill.
 - c. Pinero—Emily Maverick.

VI.

1. Materlinck the Spice of Modern Drama—Lel.
2. Reading from "Ariane et Barbe Bleue"—May Jarvis.
3. Extracts from Brander Matthews. Relation of the Drama to Literature—Mary McCormick.

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ANNUAL FALL ELECTIONS

Cause Much Excitement in Political Circles of the University

Mr. Fred Fisher Is Chosen as President of the Final Ball—Frank Ryburn Declared President of Students' Association

The annual fall election has come, and the excitement created by the political disturbances of the previous weeks is a thing of the past. There is ordinarily only one office—that of the Final Ball presidency—to be filled at this season; but the resignation of Mr. Edward Crane from the office of chief executive of the Students' Association left a vacancy, and doubled the excitement and importance of the occasion.

The meeting was the largest ever held by the association, the auditorium was packed with excited students, and the gallery was partially filled by members of the faculty and interested town people.

Promptly at three o'clock the meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward Crane, who stated the object of the meeting and declared nominations for Final Ball President for this session in order. Mr. Foster arose and placed the name of Mr. Fred Fisher, of Austin, before the association, which was seconded by Edgar Gilcrest. No other candidate was nominated and Fisher's election was made unanimous. Mr. Crane then retired from the chair, leaving Ben Glascock to place his resignation before the student body. This Glascock did, and it was accepted unanimously.

Just at this juncture in the proceedings, a student in the back of the auditorium rose to a point of order, calling the chairman's attention to the article of the constitution which provides that vacancies made by any resignation shall be filled by the Council, officers so chosen, to hold office until the next regular meeting of the Association, and challenging the constitutionality of electing a president to take Crane's place until the next regular meeting, held in May. The reason advanced to support this position was the claim that there was really no vacancy when the meeting, Tuesday, convened, since the resignation of the former President was not accepted before the meeting. Some rather heated discussion on the proper interpretation of the constitution followed, which resulted in Chairman Glascock's declaring nominations for the position then in order. Householder placed the name of Mr. Frank Ryburn, Junior Law, from Crescent, Texas, before the association. After a few minutes wait for further nominations, Mr. Ryburn was elected by acclamation.

It was somewhat of a surprise to many that there was only one nomination for this latter office, and the great excitement caused by the election seemed somewhat unwarranted.

Be that as it may, the affair is over now, and there will be no other popular election until late in the Spring.

BASKET BALL.

Some Important Games Are to Be Played Soon.

Hard practice has been going on in the Woman's Gymnasium among the basket ball players lately, preparatory to the coming games. Basket ball has been well organized this year and several games have been arranged for with the teams of other institutions. This week the team will be selected from among those who have been practicing and the season will start in earnest. The first game arranged for is to be played with the team of the Deaf and Dumb Institute. The Coronal Institute will play our team Monday afternoon at three o'clock, and it is hoped that all the Varsity girls will go to the game and cheer the girls on to success.

BAND CONCERT.

The Varsity Band Is to Give Another Complimentary Concert.

The following letter from Dr. Schoch explains itself:

"To the Editor of the Texan:

"Plans are complete for the second complimentary concert by the Varsity band. This will be given about the end of this month. According to the band's present policy, the program has been carefully selected and will be thoroughly prepared. E. P. SCHOCH."

This bit of news will be enthusiastically received by all that heard the first of this series of free performances by the band. The whole organization has been greatly improved this session, and the success of the earlier performance renders the success of this coming event doubly sure.

No student can afford to miss this opportunity to hear really good music.

All girls come to the basket ball game Monday at three o'clock between the Varsity and Coronal Institute. Admission 25 cents.

The Society Debate

The Rusk and Athanaeum Meet Tomorrow in Their Annual Contest.

Tomorrow night at 8:15 will come off the great event of the year. The two literary societies, the Rusk and the Athanaeum, will meet in their annual joint debate. The debate promises to be one of the most spirited in years. The question is a very live one and has two good debatable sides to it. It is, "Resolved, that the policy of Chinese Exclusion by the United States be rigidly maintained."

Moreover, the judges of the evening are among the most prominent of Austin's citizens. Everyone has confidence in their ability to judge and in their absolutely unbiased decision. They are Major Ira H. Evans, Col. A. P. Woolridge, and Judge Carlton.

There are eight speakers, each of whom has a speech of eight minutes in which to advance his argument and then a rebuttal speech of three minutes. Accordingly, the question has been divided into four main subjects. Each two debaters, affirmative and negative, are to confine their speeches to the particular subject assigned them.

The first subject is, "The policy is justifiable." Mr. H. L. Davis defends the affirmative and Mr. Luther Nickels the negative of that phase. Mr. Davis is a debater of some experience in the literary society contests of Denton, Tex. Mr. Nickels is a member of the Athanaeum team last year, and has not a superior in the University in clear and logical thought. His argument is largely on the principle involved in the policy and the social phase of the subject.

The next division of the question is, "The policy is industrially advantageous." The affirmative is championed by Mr. H. Keen; the negative by Mr. Alex. Pope. This phase of the policy is the vital question at issue: Do the Chinese benefit or harm us industrially? And the two men who are to discuss this phase are two of the best men on the teams. Mr. Keen is Student Assistant in Oratory, and while this is his first attempt to enter the annual debates, he is already a speaker of some prominence in his literary society. But against him is pitted the man who won the prize as best debater last year. There is one unique feature about this couple of debaters: Both can speak about as well extemporaneously as when delivering memorized speeches. Their rebuttals will, therefore, be exceedingly interesting.

The third couple are Mr. N. E. Reed, and Mr. Haynie. Their division is on the commercial effect of the policy. Mr. Reed, who champions the affirmative, is a logical thinker and a very polished

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WHITNEY BARS THREE TEAMS

Casper Whitney and Walter Camp Differ Widely on All-American Team.

Casper Whitney, in January "Outing" has picked his All-American football team. The team will be much more satisfactory to Western enthusiasts than Walter Camp's selection which follows:

End—Shelton, Yale.
Tackle—Barnson, Pennsylvania.
Guard—Tripp, Yale.
Center—Torrey, Pennsylvania.
Guard—Burr, Harvard.
Tackle—Squires, Harvard.
End—Glaz, Dartmouth.
Quarter—Ekersall, Chicago.
Half—Boone, Yale.

Half—Hubbard, Amherst.

Fullback—McCormick, Princeton.

Whitney's team is as follows:

Fullback—Ekersall, Chicago.

Halfback—Torrey, West Point.

Halfback—Hurley, Harvard.

Quarter—Hutchinson, Yale.

End—Shelton, Yale.

End—Cathin, Chicago.

Tackle—Brill, Harvard.

Tackle—Barnson, Pennsylvania.

Guard—Tripp, Yale.

Guard—Burr, Harvard.

Center—Torrey, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Whitney ranks the leading football teams in the following order: Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Dartmouth, Princeton, West Point, Annapolis, Brown, Carleton, Amherst, Columbia, Cornell and Lafayette. "It is a significant fact that the names of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota are missing from the list. In explaining his reasons for so doing he says:

"I wish to add that I do not endorse the 'bump method' which obtains at Michigan, where the faculty representative, Pattinger, appears to be either stupid or in sympathy with the schemes employed to keep up Michigan's athletic strength.

"Wisconsin, because of the jollyish attitude of President Van Hise, is in the hands of a few athletic grafters and rotten 'revenue' (the word) to the core. It should be cast out of Middle Western sport until forced. Minnesota is nearly as bad, commercialized to even a greater extent than Michigan, and Northwestern always has been bad since that hypocrite Scott Clark, I think, was his name set the pace.

"I do not approve of all Chicago's methods, but as compared with the others Chicago is as driven snow in the matter of athletic purity. I am convinced that if Stragg was entirely free of any higher influence, there never would be a questionable man on the Chicago team."

Then Mr. Whitney takes a rap at the alumni, charging that they, in nine cases out of ten, are responsible for their colleges going astray. As a parting shot, he says:

"With crooked alumni, flabby faculties and coaches looking for reputation, the day for decent sport is indeed dark at Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. You can't blame the coach, it's his business to win; he must win or lose his job.

"It is a pleasure to add at the bottom of this paragraph that Illinois is now an example of athletic cleanliness.

In selecting the teams, Mr. Whitney gives a list of players who forfeited all claim to consideration for all-American honors, for unsportsmanlike, professional

and cruel conduct, and mentions Olin and Morse of Yale; Weeks of West Point; Thompson of Cornell; Curtis of Michigan; Conney of Princeton; Marshall of Minnesota; and Stevenson of Pennsylvania.

Comparing eastern and western football in general, he favors the east by a margin of a couple of touchdowns. He admits the actual play of Chicago is faster than that of Yale, the fastest of the Eastern teams, but insists that Western teams suffer in comparison with Eastern in the matter of interference, tackling and the running back of punts. —Missouri Independent.

SOME 1906 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS.

College	Player	Position
Yale	Stinson	Halfback
Northwestern	Gilbreth	Fullback
Pennsylvania	Stevenson	Quarter
Michigan	Morse	Halfback
Michigan	Gurtis	Tackle
Chicago	Knapp	End
Chicago	Ekersall	Quarter
Amherst	Hubbard	Fullback
Wesleyan	North	Tackle
Dartmouth	Glaze	End
Princeton	Dillon	Guard
Cornell	Van Orman	End
Brown	Schwartz	Quarter
Harvard	Cornley	End
Harvard	Schwartz	Tackle
West Virginia	Leahy	End
Michigan	Spencer	End
Michigan	Bachman	Guard
Michigan	Drummond	End
Michigan	Dougherty	End
Western	Waters	Fullback

THE Y. M. C. A.

The Work in the Association Is Progressing Splendidly—Account of Last Meeting.

Sunday, January 14, the members of the Y. M. C. A. attended the men's meeting at the Tenth Street Methodist Church, which was conducted by the Evangelist, Rev. Mr. Brown.

At a joint cabinet meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. various plans were discussed and among other things it was decided to have a joint meeting of the two associations next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. F. P. Turner, general secretary of the Students' Volunteer movement, will conduct the service.

Special music will be rendered and an interesting program is assured. Everyone is cordially invited and students are especially urged to attend this service. The program for the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday will appear on the bulletin board later in the week.

Mr. T. A. Keith reports six classes in mission study, with an enrollment of over forty. Other classes are rapidly being organized. Mr. Glasscock reports five classes in Bible study with a total membership of forty-eight. In addition to these Dr. Penick conducts a class of twenty-five students in a study of "The Life of Christ," and Mrs. Baker a class of twenty members in a study of "Old Testament characters." Another class in Bible study has been organized which will begin at once.

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VII.

1. The Personal Side of Stephen Phillips—Perle Pennfield.

2. Stephen Phillips as a Dramatist—Annie Stratton.

3. Discussion of Herod—Grace Prather.

VIII.

Francesca, the Play.

IX.

Experience meeting—Helen Garrison, leader.

INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE.

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speaker. His speech will doubtless be one of the very best of the evening. His opponent, Mr. Haynie, is a graduate of the University, M. A., 1904. He has returned to the University and is taking law. He is the fingers of the evening. His speech will indeed be a finished piece of oratory. Everyone will sit enraptured of its beauty.

The last speakers of the evening are Messrs. Kercheville and Lattimore. Their phase of the subject is, "The suitability of the policy." Mr. Kercheville, the affirmative speaker, is the best all-round orator of the eight debaters. His voice is magnificent, his appearance pleasing and his thought and delivery convincing. His opponent, Mr. Lattimore, was in the Evans Contest of Orations, on Municipal Government last year, and won one of the three prizes which were offered. He promises to put up a strong speech in answer to Mr. Kercheville.

But, last of all, the debate is a contest between two student bodies—the literary societies. Every student will be profited by coming out Saturday night. You ought to support all these student functions with your presence. Be there on time, Saturday night, 8:15.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Abolishes Football as It Is Now Played by the Teams.

It is reported through the press that the authorities at Harvard University have determined to abolish football as it is played at the present. So there will be no more of this strenuous game there until the rules are so changed that in the judgment of the athletic authorities there is a reasonable guarantee against the present objectionable features. Columbia has recently taken similar action, and Princeton has already established reform rules which, if carried out, will change the game so completely that its best friends won't know it. This vigorous action will certainly have a very decided effect upon the game, and its features may well be said to hang in the balance. It is to be hoped that some satisfactory solution of the problem may be found, so that the large element of good that is unquestionably in the game may be retained and its abuses remedied.

Spring is coming and soon the tennis tournaments will begin. Those wishing to enter for T's had better begin practicing. Thirty-five hours of practice is required before one is eligible to enter the Woman's Tournament.

There are still a few Senior Academics to have their pictures taken.

WHEN GAS WAS NEW.

President of First Company Made "Daring" Experiment.

Gas had as much difficulty in making its way in New York city, apparently, as did the steel framed skyscraper. In each case it required a man who had the courage of his convictions to prove that it was safe, but when once it was shown that the benefits were greater than the dangers gas and skyscrapers took their places as necessities. In the case of the skyscraper the designer had to convince the owner, who had become somewhat fearful of the success of his venture because of the comments of his friends, by signing a lease for an office on the top floor for a long term of years. In the case of gas, although it had been used in London and other American cities before it was introduced into New York, Samuel Leggett, the president of the company that proposed to bring the much feared illuminant into use here, had to prove its harmlessness in his own house. This was in 1823.

His heroism attracted a good deal of attention and proved to be a good advertisement, for hundreds, if not thousands, of persons visited the house to see the illuminant which was said to be so much better than candles and fish oil lamps. The house was in the uptown fashionable quarter of the city, on Cherry hill. It was at No. 7 Cherry street, only a few doors below the big square Franklin house, in which President Washington lived when New York was the capital, and near the celebrated Cherry gardens. It was a narrow three story and attic brick structure, with two dormer windows. An abutment of the Brooklyn bridge now occupies the site.

Stories of the explosive character of gas had spread, without the aid of a press agent, and persons hesitated about having the pipes run through their houses. They were willing to have some one else make the experiment, however, and curious enough to visit the house of the venturesome one to see what happened. For the time being all roads in the evening seemed to lead to Mr. Leggett's house. Groups gathered outside in the darkened street to watch the process of "lighting up." Many a couple from the other fashionable quarter—State street, and the foot of Broadway, gave up the evening walk along the Battery to wind their way up Pearl street in the moonlight to No. 7 Cherry street to see the novelty. There were eager visitors from surrounding towns. Mr. Leggett was not averse to showing people how much better gas was than any other form of illuminant by taking them through the house. This fact becoming known throughout the city, added to the number of visitors, and not infrequently when Mr. Leggett, basking in the light of notoriety in his drawing room, saw faces peering in at him from the outer darkness he would go to the door and invite those without to come in. It was several years before the prejudice against gas could be altogether wiped out.

The first gas plant, and the one with which Mr. Leggett's house was connected, stood at Hester and Rynders (now Center) streets. In the course of time this was superseded by a larger plant at Center and Canal streets, where Earle's hotel stood later. The yearly output in Mr. Leggett's time was little greater than is now distributed in the course of the hour between 6 and 7 o'clock on any December afternoon, when the amount consumed is about 7,500,000 cubic feet. In 1848, when a new plant was erected at Twenty-first street and Avenue A, the

city used about 35,000,000 cubic feet, or about two-fifths of the amount burned on the day before Christmas last year. One of the new gas holders being erected at Astoria, having a capacity of 15,000,000 cubic feet, will contain more gas than was used in the entire city in the course of the year 1832. New York Tribune.

Garrison's Mother.

In the commemoration of William Lloyd Garrison's great work Canadians can share with a particular interest for the abolitionist's mother was a New Brunswick girl and to her he owed as much as man ever owed his mother. She it was who instilled in him the high and noble aims that were to find their expression in the liberation of the slaves. She toiled and denied herself so that her children might some day raise themselves above their surroundings, just as she conquered the sordid circumstances that threatened to make her a mere household drudge. From his father, a reckless, devil-may-care seaman, William Lloyd Garrison inherited little but a name and a physical courage common enough. From the beautiful Fannie Maria Lloyd he inherited the heart to feel, the brain to plan and the will to endure—qualities that made him one of the great men in the age of great men—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Springs in the Ocean.

The ancient Greeks tell of a river of the Peloponnesus called Alpheus, rising in Mount Stymphalis, flowing through Arcadia and Elis, and then making its way beneath the Mediterranean as far as Sicily, where it united with the fountain Arethusa near Syracuse. It was the love of a swain for a nymph which led to this movement and this emotion seems to have been able to prevent the commingling of the two kinds of water where ordinarily a mixture would result. What has been narrated in fable seems to be true to-day in the existence of boiling fresh-water springs rising up persistently in the briny deep off certain shores in the Hawaiian and West India islands, and elsewhere—Popular Science Monthly.

A Much-Needed Condition.

As the lamented General Harry Heth of the late Confederacy was passing through the country after his advance scouts he came up with a couple of them feasting on green persimmons up in a persimmon tree. The fruit had just begun to blush from the sun and to show the fulness of being almost

ready for the finishing touches of the first frost.

General Heth was one of Virginia's old school gentlemen and never forgot the courteous training he had received, even when among his soldiers, who, though only privates, were yet, many of them of as good families as was the general himself. Seeing his men feasting on the green persimmons, the general thought of the condition their stomachs would be left and called:

"Boys, what are you doing up there?"

"Eating persimmons, general," came the answer.

"They will draw your stomachs all up, boys," returned the general.

"That's just what we want, general, something to draw us up to suit the rations we receive," came back the ready answer. Lippincott's.

What Governs the Price of Dogs.

The price paid for a dog seems to be governed not so much by the value of the animal as the sentiment of the purchaser in the vast majority of cases, and, as a rule, the sporting dog brings the lowest figure. Doubtless this is due to the fact that the man who wants a gun dog is a practical person, while the seeker after the "show dog" pays for the "show." It is granted right here that many a good gun dog was 65 guineas, for the famous female pointer, Coronation (4 1/2 years), the winner of many championships; while among the setters the choice was light-field Bang (4 1/2 years), a great field trial winner, who brought only 37 guineas. American purchasers would have thought these dogs cheap at \$1000 apiece.

In contrast with these prices, the bull terrier Woodcote Wonder sold in New Haven for \$5000 to a San Francisco purchaser. Richard Croker, Jr., paid \$3000 for his Champion Rodney Stone, and Frank Gould paid as high as \$5000 for a St. Bernard. These are real prices unlike many of the amounts running up into the thousands tagged on to bench space of not a few 30 cent dogs exhibited at some of the kennel shows where it is believed necessary to have something attractive. Baltimore News.

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For the first time in four years the battle cry of "frat and anti-frat" has been raised in this institution in matters of politics and it is with the sincerest regret that the more thoughtful observe the widening of the breach. It was probably begun impulsively, and now should be allowed to die out, else the unity of the student body will undoubtedly suffer.

This paper is a news paper primarily, and as the organ of the student body, has carefully refrained from expressing any partisan opinions of views, whatever, but as its policy is to promote the best interests of this institution, it advocates harmony among the students.

The easiest way to secure clean politics here or anywhere else, is for each voter to vote for the individual candidate on his personal merits and qualifications regardless of narrow, partisan considerations. The best qualified man should receive the honest support of the students, and the comparative merits of the candidates should be the supreme test.

Your subscription to the Texan is now due, and the management requests that you see them as soon as convenient; it will be a great saving of trouble to all concerned.

The Texan will be turned over to the classes for the next four weeks, according to the custom of the publication. Next week the combined Freshman Engineers and Academics will try their hands, and give the Varsity the benefit of their literary talent. Mr. Paul Haynes, of Austin, was chosen by them to edit the issue, assisted by a board of his own choosing. They are planning to print cartoons and "scoop" both the regular board and other classes.

SENIORS ATTENTION.

Attention is called to the fact that the order for class pins for the class of '06 will be made in about ten days, and every senior should make arrangements at once to secure his. They will cost two dollars and a half; a deposit of one dollar is required upon ordering. All who desire pins, see me at once.

CULLEN BRYANT.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The following invitations were sent out to University girls last Tuesday: "Miss Bachelder will serve tea in the Ashbel room Tuesday from four to six. You are cordially invited to come."

Every Tuesday, Miss Bachelder, in behalf of the Y. W. C. A., is going to serve tea in the Ashbel room to a group of girls till all the University girls have been entertained.

The first tea held last Tuesday was quite a success and we hope those still to come will be as enjoyable.

All girls come to the bas basket ball game Monday at three o'clock, between the Varsity and Coronal Institute. Admission will be 25 cents.

The Holiday Feeling.

A wise Chinaman, who occupied an important official position in this country several years ago, when asked what custom, habit, characteristic or social phenomenon of the western civilization and world excited his greatest wonder, said that the Christmas holiday season impressed him most deeply. He had noticed among his many acquaintances, consisting of all manner of people, that at the holiday season even the curmudgeons—there were curmudgeons in America; though he politely declared that there were few to the square mile—even the stingy, close, selfish people, who ordinarily gave themselves slight concern about the happiness or comfort of others, began, as Christmas approached, to devise schemes to make other people happy. The observation is a just one. The influence of the Christmas feeling searches out the most remote nooks and crannies of human nature in our national life and exercises a magic power of cheerfulness, of generosity, of brightness, charity, love and unselfishness. The observance of the Christmas holiday is almost universal among all kinds and conditions of men, and the ideas of amity, good feeling, cheeriness and happiness, and especially the ideas which give rise to plans for the happiness of others, permeate the very air so thoroughly that it is impossible to escape the spirit which animates the whole population.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Dr. Osler's 500 Death Beds.

Dr. Osler's study of the record of 500 death beds, which is recalled by the publication of his lectures, is interesting but inconclusive. It proves nothing one way or the other to show that all persons observed save fifteen sank into a peaceful unconsciousness, and that to them death, like birth, was "a sleep and a forgetting." If it be true, as reflective men of all times have been driven to conclude, that this world of things is the manifestation of an unseen, spiritual universe, it does not necessarily follow that the human soul would be able to peer into the eternal order at the moment of dissolution. The world as it appears to mortal senses the Hindoo sages compared to the veil of Maya, which lies upon the eyes and shrouds the true aspect of things. But there is no reason to suppose that the veil must be lifted before the brain ceases to act. In the "Republic" Plato compares human knowledge to the condition of men in a cavern bound fast so that they can see only the wall opposite the entrance. There appear the shadows of persons and things passing outside, which the helpless prisoners take to be the realities. Death may be supposed to sever the chains so that the captives may turn and see the real world. But until the bonds are actually broken it may be assumed that the prisoners see only the succession of shadowy figures on the wall.—Kansas City Star.

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SOCIETY.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity entertain tonight informally with a dance at Protection Hall.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas entertained the University Ladies' Club yesterday afternoon in the attractive chapter house on Whitis Avenue.

All those interested in Varsity society feel confident that the final ball this spring will be a signal success under Mr. Fisher's leadership, and are hearty in congratulating him upon the deserved honor.

Miss Ethel Rather, of Cornell, Miss Fay Kincaid, of Smith, Miss Anne Townes, of Bryn Mawr, Mr. Chas. Ramsdell, of Columbia, Mr. Jessie McClendon and Lamar Crosby, of Pennsylvania—all former students of this institution—spent the Christmas holidays in Washington, sight seeing, and report a splendid pleasure trip.

The Texan has had the pleasure of seeing an invitation to the fifth annual dinner of the El Paso Bar Association, to be given January 27, at Hotel St. Regis. On the inclosed cards appeared three names very familiar to the student body a few years ago—Wm. H. Burges, Mousy Kemp and S. P. Weisiger. These names carry with them a double guarantee, first that the banquet will be a first-class affair, and second, that there ain't going to be no core.

Saturday night the most important social event of the week occurred, when the University German club gave its regular fortnightly dance at Protection hall. Among the large number present were Misses Garrett, Smith, Genevieve Tarlton, Julia Estill, Neill Parks, Hazel Ransome, Ethel Morey, Dollie Bell Rathenford, Fannie Rutherford, Mable Woolbridge, Ethel Sykes, Mary Stevens, Woolbridge, Hancock, Willie Davis, Florence Cowan, Katherine Searcy, Luida Nash, Eleanor Brackenridge, Ruggles, Thornton, Randolph, Lucile Pendleton, Zula Nash, and Messrs. Meyer, Louis Grinnan, Estill, Gilcreest, McGee, H. C. Rhodius, Roy Rather, Huling P. Robertson, Jr., Clinton Brown, Burford Isaacs, Albert Stone, Glover Johns, Runge, Stevens, John La Puelle, Wallace Tyler, Joel Watson, Charles Abbott, Adrian Murray Jones, Ernest Smith, Irvin, Joe Averitte, McKean, Wallace, Tobin, Clifford Franklin, Webb, Holden and Irvin.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Miss Eula Lee Hill has entered the University.

Miss Laura Topham is a late matriculate in the Academic.

J. G. Gumbert is the latest arrival at the Engineering building.

Frank Lanham has just returned from a pleasure trip to Weatherford.

Will Garnett of Gainsville has resumed his law studies in the University.

Rodman Crosby, ex-'07, has made several visits to the University lately.

J. W. Lovett is among the recent matriculates in the Law Department.

C. H. Buckley, brother of the Cactus editor, has entered the Junior Law class.

John L. Sheppard has spent of couple of days this week in Texarkana on business.

Mr. J. B. Marshall of San Antonio has been initiated in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Hal Logan has gone to Lutkin to accept a position there with a construction company.

Mr. J. Sid O'Keefe has re-entered the University to complete his course in the Law Department.

Miss Dazey Stephens has returned to her home in Weatherford, after a brief visit to her sister.

Mr. Clifford Brawley was recently initiated into the mysteries of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Francis Winter returned from Kentucky Friday, where he went to be present at his brother's wedding.

Miss Dunham, Miss Nellie Harris, Miss Lucile March, Miss Williford are spending the week's end in San Antonio.

Ashley Denton, now of Houston but formerly of the University, spent the early part of the week in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Arthur Mathis has spent most of the past week in Manor at the bedside of his brother, Dr. Mathis, who was severely injured by a fall from a horse.

Mr. Frank Williams of Cleburne has entered the University and matriculated in the Law Department as a Junior. He comes as a graduate of the Kentucky Military Institute.

Don't be the last to have your sittings made for photographs at the Elliotts. There is going to be two big beauty pages in the Cactus this year.

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The Texas Christian University authorities have very recently contrived probably the most unique and interesting system of government in use in any of the Southern colleges. Under it the school is to be governed as a municipality, and have corresponding officers. The plan is sufficiently novel to warrant an extended explanation.

The report made by the committee appointed to mould the constitution for the students, is as follows:

First—We propose a government to be modeled after that form used in municipalities, conforming to the charter, if satisfactory, offered by the Faculty.

Second—That the form of government proposed shall be instituted separately for the young ladies and the young men.

Third—That a Mayor, City Judge, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Marshal, with two deputies, be elected from each body.

Fourth—That a council of eight members be elected by the young men and a council of six be elected by the young ladies.

Fifth—That a Sanitary Commission for the purpose of promoting sanitary interests be appointed by the councils, and said commission shall consist of three members representing the young men and two members representing the young ladies.

Sixth—That vigilant committees be appointed by the councils for the purpose of assisting in good government; that said committees shall consist of eight members representing the young men and eight members representing the young ladies; that the five monitors and three night watchmen from the Dormitory represent the young men and five monitors and three night watchmen from Girls' Home and Townsend Hall represent the young ladies on this committee.

Seventh—That the City Ordinances applying to the student body as a whole be enacted by the two councils sitting as a whole; that the ordinances applying specifically to the government of the young ladies and the young men be enacted by the councils separately.

Eighth—That when the two councils meet in joint session the councils elect a chairman and a clerk from among their own numbers for the combined session.

Ninth—That four members of ladies council and six members of men's council constitute quorums; and four from each council constitute a quorum for the two councils sitting as a whole.

Tenth—That the duties of all officers of the government will be the same as those of the officers of a municipality; that any misconduct, private or official, or any breach of office shall be the basis for impeachment proceedings.

Eleventh—That the election of officers be held twice during the scholastic year, on Tuesday of second week of fall term, and on Tuesday of second week of winter term. That officers shall be installed immediately after the election.

Twelfth—That the Mayors, Judges, Attorneys, Clerks, Marshals and deputies be elected by popular vote of the two sexes of the student body separately.

Thirteenth—That the young men on each floor of the Dormitory, and the young ladies on each floor of the Home and Townsend Hall conduct an election for councilmen; the said councilmen to

be apportioned as follows: Dormitory, fourth floor, three; third floor, three; Girls' Home, third floor, three; second floor, two; first floor, one. Townsend Hall, one; that two councilmen be elected from the students residing off of the campus.

Fourteenth—That a student from each above mentioned floor be appointed by Prof. Hammer from the Dormitory and College Heights, and Miss Wilkinson from the Girls' Home and Townsend Hall, for the purpose of conducting an election of councilman on his or her floor, or outside interests.

(Signed) COMMITTEE.

IN THE COLLEGE WORLD.

Dr. Henry S. Pritchett has withdrawn from the presidency of Massachusetts School of Technology, in order to begin the work of the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Pritchett is taking up a work which will be of great importance to higher education. EX.

Dr. Albert H. Newman, professor of Church History in the Theological Department of Baylor University, has recently been elected as Department Editor for Church History in the Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia. This is indeed an honor. Baylor is proud to have a man of such ability as a member of the faculty. EX.

In the death of Prof. Julien Reverchon, professor of Botany in Baylor Medical College at Dallas, the State has lost the highest authority on the flora of Texas and the Southwest. Prof. Reverchon was recognized as one of the leading botanists in America. He has left a very fine collection of about 25,000 specimens of the flora of the State. This will be of great value to the one being fortunate enough to secure it. EX.

Advocates of football were very much pleased over the statement of Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska, in regard to football. College athletics is being considered by college men all over the United States. Some of the leading universities have eliminated football entirely from their list of college sports, while others allow only upper classmen to take part in the game. It is hoped that some much needed reforms may be established in athletics. EX.

THE ENGINEERS.

Met and Perfected Their Department Organization.

Saturday afternoon the engineering students, in a mass meeting of the department held at the engineering building, elected the following officers for the winter term: President, J. E. White; vice president, Webster McEvoy; secretary, Alfred L. Toombs; treasurer, Robert Ramsdell; sergeant-at-arms, J. L. Stockard. For the spring term the officers were: President, W. T. Lee; vice president, Conn R. Isaacs; secretary, J. P. Hefley; treasurer, Jack Strange; sergeant-at-arms, R. S. Beyer. During the same afternoon the Sophomore engineers elected the following officers for the winter term: President, Robert Ramsdell; vice president, Elder; secretary, Fulcher; treasurer, Louis Wagner; sergeant-at-arms, Krah. For the spring term the following organization was perfected: President, Fink; vice president, Stephenson; secretary, R. M. Roberg; treasurer, Marion Wright; sergeant-at-arms, Wyatt Thomas.

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MEETING OF THE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Societies Adjourned Saturday to Discuss Matters of Importance to the Association.

On account of other movements among the students, the program was not carried out at the last meeting. The societies adjourned to a meeting of the Oratorical Association to discuss the answering of a challenge to debate from Baylor University. It was decided to accept the challenge and Worsham was elected as the representative from the Athenaeum. This adds another inter-collegiate debate to our list. It gives two more deserving men the honor of representing their University, and the training resulting therefrom, which is the fundamental object of the literary societies. Such debate will bring the doings of the University before the people of Texas in a way which our interstate debates do not. And here is where we get our support, both as to finances and student body. On both these vitally rests our future success and reputation. The primary inter-collegiate spirit in Baylor University is in this line of work. They are in closer contact with us. There will, therefore, be greater interest manifested. They will put up as hard a fight as the State Universities. This will give as good training to our men. The expense of this debate will be slight in comparison, which is an item of importance with us. The fact is, we have six men who are competent and deserve the honor of representative on such debate to each place, there is to fill. And the question of expense is the reason. This covers all the main objects of inter-collegiate debate.

We have another University of equal standing right at our door. A debate with this one would be entirely practicable. Let's have a debate with Southwestern next year.

Several of the leading Universities of the State hold an annual inter-collegiate oratorical contest. The expense in this is only that of the representative. This covers a field distinct from any that we have. How much out of order would it be to enter this?

On next Saturday night the Athenaeum will cross swords with the Rush. The debate promises to be the most spirited we have had for several years. Not only will the question be decided, but four men will be elected, irrespective of sides, to compose the inter-state teams. The Athenaeum will be represented by Haynie, Lattimore, Nickels, and Pope. Students and public cordially invited.

PROGRAM FOR ATHENAEUM.

There will be no regular program next Saturday night on account of the inter-society debate. The following is the program for January 27:

Declaimer—A. L. Martin.

Orator—V. O. Key.

Question for Debate—"Resolved, that the Women's Clubs, as they now exist, are a source of more evil than good." Section 1—Affirmative—G. M. Mayor, Marshall, E. Monteith. Negative—W. C. McCutcheon, J. W. McLeod, L. Nickels. Section 2—Affirmative—R. O'Connor, W. D. Royston, Storms. Negative—M. Reector, J. Russell, G. Smith.

NOTES OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

A number of students have matriculated in the Law Department since Christmas. Some have transferred from the Academic and some are new to the University. The total enrollment in the Department for this session is 245. This is the largest number by about thirty now in attendance at any one session.

The Senior Class has taken up more course work since the holidays and will continue it during the remainder of the session. The class is divided into two sections, each meeting for two hours every other week. The practice is governed by the rules of procedure in our State courts, modified in some particulars so as to adapt them to the conditions of the University. Provision is made for district and county courts and courts of civil appeals and supreme court so that a case may be begun in proper trial court and carried through all its stages in all the different courts to which it could be carried in actual practice. Dean Miller has charge of the courts during the winter term and Prof. Townes will have charge in the spring. The work promises to be very profitable to those who give it proper attention.

Mr. J. Sid O'Keefe of last year's middle class, has re-entered the Department as a Senior. Since June he has been in the Panhandle country. His many friends welcome him to his old haunts.

The quizmasters have been assigned for this term as follows. Mr. Channell to the Senior, Mr. Burson to the Middle and Mr. Buckley to the Junior class. The position is not one of unalloyed bliss, but the present incumbents seem to bear up under their burdens with a fair degree of fortitude.

The Junior class is now approaching the study of cases and the inadequacy of library space is becoming more apparent every day. When the Juniors take up this line of work regularly, as they will in a few days and thus increase the number now using the badly crowded room by over a hundred new men, it will tax even the recognized consideration of the Law Department to make conditions admirable. The one imperative need of the Department is a new building, constructed on modern plans and adapted especially to the use of a Law School.

The Law Society has submitted to the Regents the desirability of inaugurating a Summer Law School under the supervision of the regents and president. What action will be taken is not known. Law schools are becoming quite common, and in many cases are quite prosperous, helping both the students and the universities with which they are connected.

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